

USFS – Plumas National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the applicant's application.

Please note: If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1 – Dates cannot be in the future.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #8c – Narrative does not support “Daily”. It is unclear if staff is available daily at trailheads, visitor centers and/or entrance stations.
- #9 – Applicant must verify response.
- #11b – Need to cite a reference document.
- #12a – Narrative does not support a “Yes” response. It is unclear if the applicant has developed a systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities.
- #13 – Narrative does not support “On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends”.

Ground Operations	G12-02-13-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – The activities: education, prevent resource damage, wilderness toilet rehabilitation and/or replacement, law enforcement and/or patrolling, and dispatch coverage required by agency as a safety measure are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-Road Crew East and West Side” – Applicant must place “WG 10”, “WG 8”, and “WG 5” in separate line items, identifying quantity, Rate, and Unit of Measure (UOM) for each. • Staff – “Other-GS 5 OHV Technician MTH” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Applicant must provide additional information this line item. • Contracts – “Other-Contractor for OHV toilet pumping” – Toilets in wilderness areas are not eligible. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. • Materials / Supplies – “Other-Rocks, Barriers, Fence Posts etc.” – As stated, these items are restoration activities and are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. • Materials / Supplies – “Other-Lumber, nails, and repair material.” – The “4 wilderness toilets” are not eligible. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Govt Mileage” – Applicant must identify the number and type(s) of vehicle(s) included in this line item. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Dozer” – As stated, the activities listed for this line item are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. • Indirect Costs – “Indirect Costs-Volunteers” – “Snowmobile grooming” is not eligible. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. • Indirect Costs – “Indirect Costs-LEO Patrols” are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. • Indirect Costs – “Indirect Costs-GS 9 Resource Officer” – Activities listed for this line item are outside the project performance period and are not eligible. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #4 – Narrative does not support “Publicly noticed meeting(s)...”. – Applicant must clarify a publicly noticed meeting occurred for this project and provide the specific date(s) of the meeting(s). • #4 – Narrative does not support “Conference call(s)...”. – Applicant must identify the interested parties and provide the date(s) the conference call(s) occurred. Note, date(s) of the publicly noticed meeting(s) and conference call(s) must be separate meetings. • #5 – Applicant must identify the specific project activities each partner organization will perform in the project, listing the project activities separately for each partner organization. • #6 – “Providing bridges...” and “Re-routing trails...” are not support in the Project Description. • #7 – “Trail maps” are not supported in the Project Description. 	

- #8 – Narrative does not support substantial use of sustainable technologies.

Ground Operations – FRRD and Mt. Hough	G12-02-13-G02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – The activities “...will be determining trail construction/ maintenance design...” appear to be included in the Development project submitted. These activities are not applicable under a Ground Operations project. • B – Narrative does not address how the proposed project relates to OHV Recreation. Applicant must explain how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will add to, enhance, or otherwise sustain OHV Recreation or OHV Opportunity in the Project Area. • 2. – Response conflicts with narrative in item A. Applicant must clarify in item A if rerouting of any road or trails will occur in this project and select the appropriate response. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-GS-11” – Activities listed (i.e., “determining trail location and design”, “construction”) for this staff appear to be for the development of trails, not for the maintenance of trails. Applicant must clarify the activities that will be performed by this staff are maintenance activities. Note, development activities are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. • Staff – “Other-Volunteer” – Activities listed (i.e., “trail construction”) for this staff appear to be for the development of trails, not for the maintenance of trails. Applicant must clarify the activities that will be performed by this staff are maintenance activities. Note, development activities are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. • Contracts – “Other-Contractor” – Applicant must provide more specifics/details about the contract. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Govt Mileage” – Applicant must identify the number and type(s) of vehicle(s) included in this line item. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Cooperator equipment use” – Applicant must identify the number and type(s) of vehicle(s) included in this line item. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Volunteer equipment use” – Applicant must identify the number and type(s) of vehicle(s) included in this line item. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Cooperator travel match” – Applicant must identify the number and type(s) of vehicle(s) included in this line item. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Volunteer travel match” – Applicant must identify the number and type(s) of vehicle(s) included in this line item. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support “Loss of OHV Opportunity” and “Negative Impact to cultural sites”. • #3 – Narrative does not support “Providing traffic control...”. • #4 – Narrative does not support the checked items. Meeting dates provided were for other activities not directly related to this project. Applicant must identify current meetings date(s) were conducted for the 2012-2013 grant cycle. 	

<p>Additionally, applicant must identify the stakeholders. Note, meetings must be separate from each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #5 – Applicant must explain how each partner organization will directly participate in the project. Additionally, applicant must list the specific project activities separately for each partner organization. • #6 – Narrative does not support the checked items. Narrative, as stated, is inconsistent with the Project Description. • #7 – Checked items are not supported in the Project Description. • #8 – Narrative does not support substantial use of sustainable technologies. • #9 – The project will not directly improve and/or maintain facilities that provide motorized access to “Camping” or “RC car track at the Park”.
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Development – Mt. Hough Trails	G12-02-13-D01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Other Volunteers – Applicant must verify how volunteer positions that work on the project do not conflict with the scope of the trail construction contract. • Contracts – Other perform trail construction – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must verify response and provide additional details. • Equipment Use Expenses – All line items – It is unclear what these line items are for, applicant must provide further details. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Project is for motorcycle trails only, selections other than motorcycle and snowmobile are not applicable. • #6 – Response does not explain how the project utilizes as least 50% use of sustainable technologies. • #9 – Narrative does not support Publicly Noticed Meetings or Meetings with Stakeholders selections; the listed dates are not current. • #10 – Narrative does not support how each identified partner will participate in the project. • #11 – Narrative does not identify the primary funding source for future operational costs. • #12 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant must describe how offsite impacts have been addressed. 	

Planning – Chilcoot Staging Area	G12-02-13-P01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comments 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Provide more detail for all line items and how they relate to the project. • Staff – Resource Specialists- list each position separately and provide more detail on the duties of each position. • Equipment Use Expenses – Provide more detail for Field Vehicle; multiple vehicles must be identified and listed separately. • Indirect Costs exceed 15%. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support selections – Project is a NEPA for a staging area only. • #3 – Selections are not related to the scope of the planning project. • #4 – Narrative does not support each selection. • #5 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant failed to explain how the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input. • #6 – Narrative does not support selection. Applicant failed to explain how each partner would participate in the project. • #7 – Narrative does not support the following checked items: “Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers”, “Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity” and “Project will develop system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity”. • #8 – Narrative and reference document do not support the selection. • #10 – Narrative does not support selection. 	

Planning – Dispersed Camping	G12-02-13-P02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – Other IDT Leader, Other PSS Staff – Applicant must provide more detail and explain how the positions relate to the project. Indirect Costs exceed 15%. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #2 – Narrative does not support selections; project is solely for the NEPA to add campsites. #3 – Selections are not related to the scope of the planning project #4 – Provided dates are not current; narrative does not support any of the selections. #6 – Explain how each partner will participate in the project. #7 – Narrative does not support selections. Project is solely for NEPA to add campsites. #8 – Narrative and reference document do not support the selection. #10 – Narrative does not support the selection. 	